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CONGRESSMEN GET IN LINE FOR RUSH WORK ON BIG NAVY

MAY FERRET OUT CRIMINAL GANG OF EX-SOLDIERS

Capture of Stowaway on Sherman Saturday, After Attempted Assault on Officer, Opens Way for Official Probe

THINK ECTOR'S SLAYER IS NUMBERED IN RING

Negroes, Authorities Say, Have Been Donning Uniforms After Discharge, and Gambling With Men at Posts Paydays

Through the arrest on the transport Sherman Saturday afternoon of Clarence Weekly, a dishonorably discharged colored soldier, there may be exposed a gang of ex-members of the 25th Infantry, who are believed to be responsible for a number of crimes in Honolulu. Weekly was arrested as a stowaway, and after he was jailed it was reported by a colored soldier that Weekly tried to cut the pockets out of his clothes while he was asleep, and threatened to kill him with a knife in a Honolulu rooming house January 19.

The evidence may show that a few soldiers who have been put out of the army are by their actions casting unjustified suspicion on well-behaved infantrymen now in the service, who resent as much as anyone else that army men are thus put under a cloud.

With Henry Turley, discharged several months ago from the 25th Infantry without honor, Weekly was found on the Sherman Saturday by Lieut. Alfred E. Sawkins, 25th Infantry, when Sawkins took a bunch of casuals down to the transport to put them aboard. The men were caught trying to stow away and both were wearing the uniform. Turley was passed by Lieut. Sawkins as a soldier, but when he saw Weekly, he at once recognized him as a discharged man.

Made Rush At Officer. When the lieutenant spoke to Weekly the latter cursed him and ran at him, receiving two blows on the jaw from Sawkins' fist. He was then placed in the patrol and taken to jail. Turley was arrested and released, but Weekly was held on account of the attempted assault.

This morning a colored soldier, who had personally reported that he woke up in his room in a lodging house late at night January 19 to find a man standing over him with a knife in his hand, identified Weekly as the man he saw. Another crime of robbery is also being investigated on the theory that Weekly knows something of it.

Evidence has been obtained which shows almost conclusively that Weekly is a member of a band of former 25th Infantrymen who remain on Oahu just to "trim" soldiers. They each have uniforms, and on pay days go to Schofield in these, mix with the soldiers, and get as much of their money as they can gambling. What they cannot get this way the police say they do not hesitate to get by crime when they can manage it. Think Murderer In Band.

Among this gang of discharged men the authorities believe is the murderer of Pvt. Jesse Ector, found dead on the Kolekole road, near Schofield Barracks, January 28, with his throat cut and five bullet wounds in his body. Ector was a habitual gambler and knew some of the discharged men, having often played with them. That he may have won money the night he was killed is possible, and if he did some of the discharged men would probably have known of it.

So far in the quest, none of the slight clues which have been picked up by Deputy Sheriff H. H. Piemer, who is handling the Ector case, has led to any real facts about the murder being discovered. Except for the suspicion that among the ex-soldiers nearly all of them dishonorably discharged, is the man who killed Ector the murder is still an absolute mystery.

CHILEAN CAPTAIN SAYS TWO MEN WOULD DESERT

Victor Legardo and Nels Nelson, members of the crew of the Chilean bark Guaytecas, now in this port, are held in the city jail at the request of the captain of the ship, who charges they tried to desert after signing for the voyage westward and back to Chile. They will probably be turned over to the captain on the day the ship sails.

SCOTTI IS BETTER

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] NEW YORK, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Scotti, the noted operatic singer, who has been seriously ill, is convalescing.

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NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

	Today.	Saturday.
Alaska Gold	24	22 1/2
American Smelter	101 1/2	99 1/2
American Sug. Rfg.	113 1/4	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127	126 1/2
Atchafalaya	103 1/2	102 1/2
Baldwin Loco.	117 1/2	112 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	88 1/2	88 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	46 1/2	47 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	33 1/4	32
Canadian Pacific	171	170
C. & St. P. (St. Paul)	98	97 1/4
Colo. Fuel & Iron	46 1/4	44 1/2
Crucible Steel	82 1/2	83
Erie Common	38 1/2	37 3/4
General Electric	172 1/4	171
General Motors	54 1/2	54 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	121 1/2	121 1/2
Northern Harv., N. J.	111	110 1/2
New York Central	106	105
Pennsylvania	56 1/2	55 1/2
Southern Pacific	100 1/2	99 1/2
Studebaker	153 1/4	149 1/2
Tennessee Copper	57 1/2	56
Union Pacific	134	133 1/4
U. S. Steel	84 1/2	82 1/2
U. S. Steel Pfd.	117	116
Western Union	88 1/2	88
Westinghouse Electric	67 1/4	66

SUGAR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 7.—Sugar: 96 degrees test, 4.86 cents. Previous quotations, 4.845 cents.

HAWAII WOMAN IS HURLED TO DEATH OVER HIGH CLIFF

Mrs. Robert Smith Killed When Horse She is Riding Slips on Narrow Waimea Trail

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] HILO, Feb. 7.—Mrs. Robert Smith, wife of the head luna of the Pacific Sugar Mill at Kukuhaele, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon when a horse which she was riding slipped and fell over a pall in the Waimea gulch. Mrs. Smith was one of a party which had been for a horse back trip along the ditch trail, the party being on its way home when the accident happened.

At a point on a steep pall on the trail Mrs. Smith tried to pass another rider on the narrow thoroughfare. Her horse slipped and fell on to the rocks below, a distance of about 200 feet, carrying Mrs. Smith with it. Death of horse and rider was instantaneous. The other members of the party were forced to ride several miles to Waipio and then to the head of the valley in order to reach the body, which was located about 9 o'clock last night.

TWO OF TRAIN CREW KILLED AS BRIDGE WEAKENS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] VINCENNES, Ind., Feb. 7.—An engineer and a fireman were drowned today when the engine of a "Big Four" passenger train went through a bridge on the Indiana side of the Wabash river. The coupling broke and the remainder of the train stayed on the track, averting a much more serious accident. The engine plunged into deep water and the crew was trapped.

MRS. CAMPBELL TO BE PRINCESS FOR BIG ISLAND

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] HILO, Feb. 7.—The Hilo board of trade has selected Mrs. E. A. Campbell of Papakou as Hawaii princess for the 1916 Mid-Pacific Carnival. Mrs. Campbell was formerly Miss Wilhelmina Weight, and has been Hawaii's princess on previous occasions. She will leave for Honolulu Monday.

VILLA IS TRAPPED IN CANYON—BUT HOW LONG WILL HE REMAIN?

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 7.—Gen. Villa with 25 men is reported virtually surrounded and on the defensive at Nidos Canyon, Santa Clara ranch, according to official advice at Juarez.

KUHIO'S SUIT TO BREAK TRUST OF QUEEN IS VALID

Demurrers, and Liliuokalani's Motion to Dismiss Case, Overruled By Stuart

LORRIN ANDREWS MADE BEST FRIEND BY ORDER

"Contents of Trust Deed Seem to Carry Out Allegations," is Opinion Held By Judge

Aside from overruling the demurrers of the trustees of the Liliuokalani Trust to the suit brought by Delegate Kuhio to break the trust in which the queen's property is held, and denying the queen's motion to dismiss the action, Circuit Judge T. B. Stuart, in a decision handed down today, removed Kuhio as "next friend" of Liliuokalani, and appointed Attorney Lorrin Andrews to serve both as "next friend" and as guardian ad litem of the queen.

The decision consists of 25 typewritten pages, and cites 100 authorities brought out during the argument of the demurrers and the queen's motion. The first several pages are given over to a recital of the litigation at issue, and principally of the allegations set forth in the complaint filed by Kuhio. The provisions of the trust deed now in effect are outlined in full. Commenting on the trust deed, Judge Stuart says:

"It is claimed that the trust deed shows upon its face that the allegations of the complaint are true, to the effect that the queen was not capable of taking proper care of her interests at the time of executing it. The issues when made up may put the matter in a different light and perhaps all I should say now is that I find nothing in the trust deed to recommend it, and its contents seem to carry out the allegations of the bill against it."

Judge Stuart continues that, as a general principle, powers granted unconnected with an interest may be revoked at any time. "If this deed of trust was not revocable by the queen at her pleasure," he adds, "then she had no right to make any will after its execution, and indeed, it would annul any will she had made prior to its execution."

Queen Could Revoke It.

The decision goes on to say that, in

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HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC BILL INDORSED BY UTILITIES BOARD

Indorsement of the bill now in Congress extending the franchise of the Hawaiian Electric Company so that it may furnish service to the whole island, instead of the Honolulu district only, and providing for jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission over the company, was given at a meeting of the commission held this afternoon.

A resolution to this effect was offered by Commissioner Williams and with a copy of a letter to the commission from the electric company will be sent to Congressman W. R. Oglesby, chairman of the committee on territories. The electric company in their letter relate that they have provisional contracts with the naval station and Fort Kamehameha at Pearl Harbor and Schofield Barracks, and inquiries from Pearl City, Peninsula, Aiea, Waipahu, Wahiawa and a number of other places on the island. They are willing to come under the jurisdiction of the commission, they declare.

MUST STAY LOCKED UP FOR SELLING BRIDE THAT NEVER EXISTED

Koo Pyung San, who sold a mythical picture bride to Min Sun Nock, a Korean who runs a bootblack stand at the Silent Barber shop on Hotel street was sentenced today to six months in jail. San admitted the fictitious transaction, and said he had no bride to sell. He got \$50 from Nock.

CRUISERS NOT LOCATED

Down to 2 o'clock this afternoon no further news had been received here concerning the location of the Japanese cruisers Chitose and Takikawa, which were Saturday reported lying in the lee of Lanai, apparently taking coal from the collier which was accompanying them. The cruisers are believed to be conveying 100,000,000 roubles of Russian gold to Vancouver.

Circuit Judge Ashford's trial jurors have been excused until 9 o'clock next Wednesday morning.

CITY PLANNING BODY VOTES FOR LAIMI ROADWAY

Extension Favored Which Will Cut Country Club Grounds and Sherman Property

CLUB PRESIDENT SAYS LEGAL FIGHT IS RESULT

Organization Considers Piercing of Its Lands Needless "Vandalism"

Following a recommendation of City Engineer George M. Collins for the adoption of Laimi road extension as an outlet to the district of Puunui, members of the city planning commission voted unanimously for such a road, and will send their indorsement to the board of supervisors.

Laimi road, which is about 100 feet mauka of Circle Drive, cuts off a larger portion of the property of George Sherman than does the latter. Puunui residents present at the meeting applauded vigorously as the vote carried.

But there is no applause from the Country Club officers or representatives. None was present at the meeting this morning at the club. President E. W. Sutton said this afternoon that neither the club or any of its officers, nor George Sherman or his attorneys, had been notified of the meeting.

He stated emphatically also that the Country Club does not propose to allow its property to be cut by the proposed road without a legal fight. Contention proceedings will be necessary.

Mrs. F. J. Lowry made the motion to adopt the Laimi extension, the motion being seconded by Walter F. Dillingham. Mr. Dillingham said he believes it the duty of the commission to indorse the recommendations of the engineer when these recommendations appeal to the commission as best for the future growth of the city. Laimi or Circle Drive.

"We have put considerable study on the question of an outlet to Puunui," Engineer Collins told the commission, "and we have come to the conclusion that either Laimi extension or Circle Drive which enters Nuuanu lower down is best as far as the topography of the district is concerned."

"If we shift the road down lower than this we cut in two the property of poor people who are not able to stand the assessment. I believe that there are two ways of going about the

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COL. HEPBURN OF IOWA IS CALLED BY DEATH AT 82

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] CLARINDA, Iowa, Feb. 7.—Col. William P. Hepburn, noted veteran of Congress and Republican warhorse, died today after a long illness, largely due to affection of the kidneys.

Col. Hepburn was personally known to many Honolulu people, having visited here a few years ago.

Although twenty years in Congress, he became best known throughout the country during the Roosevelt administration. It was he who framed what later was called the Hepburn law, prohibiting rebates and discrimination by railroads. As chairman of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce in the first session of the fifty-ninth Congress he was the author of three acts out of five, which the then President Roosevelt afterward declared would cause that Congress to be memorable in history because of its constructive legislation. Of the five acts, four came from Col. Hepburn's committee and three of them—the Hepburn law, the pure food act and the public health act—were

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HIGH COURT FINDS FOR DEFENDANTS IN ANCIENT LAND CASE

The text of the United States supreme court's decision in the ancient case involving the adjudication of the title to land of the ahupuaa of Keanoulu, Maui, which was delivered by Mr. Justice Holmes on January 10, this year, has been received in Honolulu. The litigation now settled was the continuance of an ancient controversy on Maui, the original suit having been brought in November, 1871, by the heirs of Keaka, whose forbear was Kamehameha the Great. A year later it was decided by the supreme court of the kingdom, and finally reopened on technicalities. The last decision of the U. S. supreme court sustains the decision of the territorial supreme court in finding for the defendants.

RETIREMENT OF WAR CHIEF PREDICTED IN NEWSPAPER OF LONDON



Lord Kitchener, British secretary of state for war, who is said to be slated for important work outside the cabinet and whose successor as active director of the war is said to be Gen. Sir William Robertson.

SON IS CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MOTHER, SISTER

Buffalo Crime Believed to Be Traced to Member of Family on Fatal Auto Ride

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Charged with the horrible crime of attempting and partially succeeding in murdering his whole family, John Telper was arraigned in court today on a warrant charging first degree murder.

A week ago last night Mrs. Agnes Telper, his mother, who was the widow of the founder of the Structural Steel Company, and her son, Fred, were murdered on a lonely country road, her daughter Grace and another son, Edward, being badly beaten. The family was out auto riding and according to John, the auto was held up by negroes, who killed his mother and brother with clubs. It is now charged that the son did the killing.

The condition of his sister Grace has not improved and there is no hope that she will be able to tell the story of the tragedy.

YUAN'S SOLDIERS PLAN TO PUT END TO SIUFU REBELS

[Associated Press by Federal Wireless] PEKING, China, Feb. 7.—That the government troops are now making headway against the rebels is announced by the authorities at the capital in a statement that Pingshan has been recaptured by the federal forces. A general attack upon the rebels at Siufu is imminent and the government hopes to annihilate the rebellion in this part of China.

MORE THAN SCORE PAY \$10 FOR THEIR GAME

Twenty-three Chinese gamblers, arrested in the cellar under the store of the Honolulu Picture Framing Company, on Bethel street near Hotel, were today fined \$10 and costs each. The charge of gambling behind barred doors was not sustained, and the fine was for plain gambling.

LANSING DENIES NEW DEMANDS MADE UPON GERMANY, RAISING ANY FURTHER COMPLICATIONS

CHAIRMAN STONE OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE SEES EARLY AGREEMENT—LONDON PAPER FORECASTS RETIREMENT OF KITCHENER FROM WAR OFFICE TO BE SUCCEEDED BY ROBERTSON—GERMAN REINFORCEMENTS IN BALKANS

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless] WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Amid enthusiastic applause from both side of the house of representatives, Speaker Champ Clark this afternoon asked that faster progress be made on increasing the navy according to the program of the experts. Republicans and Democrats cheered as the necessity for preparedness was pointed out by the speaker. The house authorized the immediate use of \$500,000 to equip Mare Island yard to build a dreadnought and \$100,000 to enlarge the facilities of the New York yard. The senate has not acted on the proposal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Hints at Washington today are that the Lusitania controversy between Germany and the United States is on the verge of settlement to which both governments can agree.

Secretary of State Lansing emphatically denied today a rumor that fresh complications had been caused with Germany recently by new demands made in the Lusitania case at a time when Germany considered the negotiations practically ended.

He said that he doubts very much whether the German under secretary for foreign affairs, Dr. Zimmermann, ever made a statement to that effect, as he was reputed to have done. Secretary Lansing also said today that the state department considers the situation unchanged.

Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs, held a conference today with leading officials of the administration, at the close of which he appeared to be in a definitely optimistic frame of mind.

Senator Stone told interviewers after the conference that his impression is that the case is "practically settled."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Germany has agreed, in the Lusitania case, that reprisals shall be directed only against enemy subjects.

This provision of the formal reply is offered instead of the phrase containing the word "illegal," upon which the United States is understood to have insisted.

Germans, Bulgarians and Austrians Massing For Campaign Upon Greece

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 7.—French aviators continue to report the developing concentration of the Germans and Bulgarians upon the Greek frontiers.

German reinforcements are advancing from Uskub, central south Serbia, to northwest of Grevelli, which is not far north of the Greek border. Fresh German regiments are arriving at Monastir, further west.

The Austrians are concentrating at Tohevikiv, near the Albanian border.

One Bulgarian division has left Kustendil, Bulgaria, and is moving southward in the general campaign toward Greek territory. That the Bulgarians have transferred their heavy artillery from Nish to the Bulgarian frontier is confirmed.

Report Kitchener to Leave War Office But Will Have Big Work Elsewhere

LONDON, Eng., Feb. 7.—The Daily Sketch, in an article today which has attracted much attention, says that important changes in the direction of the war are contemplated and definitely predicts the retirement of Lord Kitchener as secretary of war to undertake important work in another capacity.

The Sketch says that Kitchener will probably leave the war office and that Gen. Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, will probably be the active director of the war without interference except from the cabinet as a whole. Gen. Robertson as chief of staff is in charge of military affairs in England but is to be given wider scope. A civilian of ability in organization will become the secretary of war, and in the event that Kitchener leaves the war office he will undertake important work elsewhere.

Britain Blacklists Norwegian Liner

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Feb. 7.—Local officials, acting under orders from the British admiralty, refuse to give the Norwegian liner Ontarea, which is here from Copenhagen, sufficient coal to proceed to Baltimore. No explanation is given of a reason for blacklisting the Norwegian vessel.

Bohemian Factory Blown Up, Many Die

MILAN, Italy, Feb. 7.—A despatch from Bucharest to the Secolo says that a terrific explosion has occurred in the Skoda armament factory in Bohemia, in which 195 persons perished. Three buildings were blown up, including one in which are manufactured the famous 12-inch hydraulic guns of the Austrians.

Allies See Rumania-Teuton Friction

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 7.—Advices from Allied sources assert that friction between Rumania and the Central Powers has increased Rumania has collected her forces close to the Austrian border.

The Turks at Erzerum have been apparently unsuccessful in undertaking the offensive, since they declare they have repulsed a renewed Russian attack.

Terrific Cannonading on West Front

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 7.—Artillery engagements of terrific intensity are in progress on the La Bassée canal and around Arras, says an official announcement.